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Title: **METHOD OF INACTIVATING RIBONUCLEASES AT HIGH TEMPERATURE**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

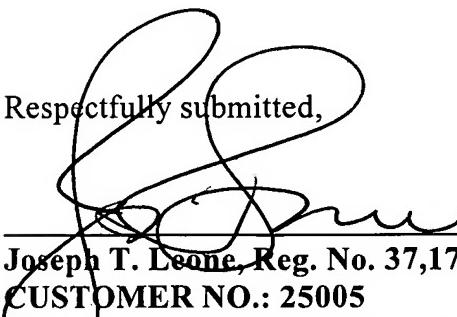
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To the Commissioner:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2007, for ONE month from March 10, 2008, to April 10, 2008. The granting of the requested extension of time will not extend the period for response beyond the six-month statutory limit.

A PTO-2038 is enclosed authorizing payment of the \$60 petition fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

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